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FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

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Items Required To Avoid Abandonment:

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing. Applicant must submit \$ 770 to complete the basic filing fee for a non-small entity. If appropriate, applicant may make a written assertion of entitlement to small entity status and pay the small entity filing fee (37 CFR 1.27).
- · The oath or declaration is missing. A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
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The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Replacement drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 and 37 CFR 1.121 are required. The drawings submitted are not acceptable because:
 - The drawings must be reasonably free from erasures and must be free from alterations, overwriting, interlineations, folds, and copy marks, See Figure(s) 1-4.

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fee(s) required for this application is \$900 for a Large Entity

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• \$770 Statutory basic filing fee.

• \$130 Late oath or declaration Surcharge.

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Our Ref. No.: HEL177/4-11US

Sir:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced patent application is:

- 1. Response to 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) Notice;
- 2. Declaration;
- 3. Power of Attorney;
- 4. Copy of Notice to File Missing Parts;
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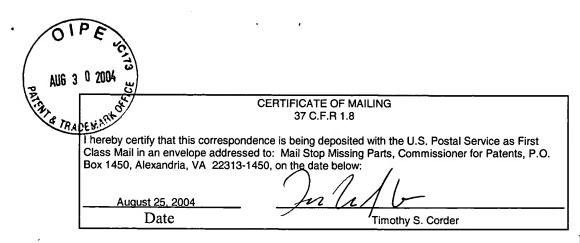
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Enclosures

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- (a) Declaration;
- (b) Power of Attorney;
- (c) Credit Card Payment Form in the amount of \$900.00 to cover the basic filing fee (\$770.00), and surcharge for late filing (\$130.00); and
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